# **Crop Progress & Condition**

MARYLAND DELAWARE

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Good Week for Field Work: Maryland had 6 days and Delaware had 6.5 days suitable for field work. Emerged corn stalks are 12 inches tall. Corn is 94% planted in Maryland and emerged stalks are 9 inches tall. Apples are in full bloom in Delaware, about 2 weeks behind Maryland. Winter wheat has completely headed in Delaware and green peas have begun to be harvested. Barley has fully headed in both states. Farmers have started second cuttings of alfalfa in Maryland. Thunderstorms are projected for all of this week but the weekend should be relatively dry with temperatures in the 80's, reaching a high of 89 on Wednesday. Field activities will be very limited this week with farmers attempting to cut hay when possible.

# MD Moisture for Week Ending June 8, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Subsoil	0%	2%	96%	2%	
Topsoil	0%	2%	91%	7%	

#### **MD Crop Condition (in %):**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	2	20	68	9
Apples	0	1	7	86	6
Barley	2	8	24	57	9
Cherries	0	9	10	80	1
Corn	1	1	21	62	15
Other Hay	2	3	20	69	6
Pasture	0	1	10	66	23
Peaches	0	3	13	76	8
Soybean	0	1	23	61	15
Winter Wheat	1	7	16	63	13

#### **MD Crop Progress (in %):**

	June 8 Last Year		5-year Average
Alfalfa 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	78	99	91
Alfalfa 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	7	9	13
Barley Headed	97	100	100
Barley Coloring	68	83	87
Cantaloupes Planted	77	78	80
Corn Planted	94	93	96
Corn Emerged	89	94	92
Cucumbers Planted	84	88	73
Green Peas Harvested	35	22	26
Lima Beans Planted	42	87	62
Other Hay 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	64	84	84
Snap Beans Planted	72	82	73
Soybean Planted	55	63	60
Soybean Emerged	32	39	43
Strawberries Harvested	59	52	73
Sweet Corn Planted	81	69	76
Tomatoes Planted	74	78	82
Watermelon Planted	81	86	81
Winter Wheat Headed	95	100	99
Winter Wheat Coloring	26	53	63

#### <u>DE Moisture for Week Ending June 8, 2014</u> (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Subsoil	1%	4%	89%	6%	
Topsoil	3%	9%	88%	0%	

## **DE Crop Condition (in %):**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	3	12	79	6
Apples	2	3	26	63	6
Barley	1	2	16	74	7
Cherries	9	16	29	39	7
Corn	1	2	11	77	9
Other Hay	0	3	16	74	7
Pasture	1	3	28	46	22
Peaches	5	7	21	59	8
Soybean	0	0	3	70	27
Winter Wheat	1	6	22	64	7

### **Hay and Roughage Supplies**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	0%	19%	80%	1%
DE	0%	16%	77%	7%

### **DE Crop Progress (in %):**

	June 8	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	85	100	95
Apples Full Bloom	97	-	-
Barley Coloring	43	84	90
Cantaloupes Planted	87	83	84
Corn Emerged	90	91	94
Cucumbers Planted	58	61	63
Green Peas Harvested	23	32	31
Lima Beans Planted	45	47	52
Other Hay 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	83	100	95
Snap Beans Planted	51	64	69
Soybeans Planted	57	69	70
Soybean Emerged	35	53	50
Strawberries Harvested	52	77	88
Sweet Corn Planted	86	93	86
Tomatoes Planted	80	90	86
Watermelon Planted	92	88	89
Winter Wheat Headed	95	100	83
Winter Wheat Coloring	39	66	62

June 8, 2014 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature		Precipitation		Precipitation		GDD Base 50F		Base 40F			
State	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Maryland	Baltimore_Washi	87	53	70	+2	0.54	2	12.49	+4.64	23	779	+99	1436
	Beltsville	86	51	69	0	0.35	2	14.51	+5.62	25	750	+64	1403
	Brighton_Dam	85	53	68	0	0.61	2	15.26	+5.94	23	668	+32	1301
	Cumberland	83	45	68	-1	0.95	2	8.94	+0.91	27	705	+59	1332
	Emmitsburg	83	53	68	-1	0.92	2	13.05	+3.53	26	626	-16	1264
	Frostburg	79	45	63	+2	0.92	2	9.93	+0.10	29	417	+83	979
	Hagerstown_AP	85	56	70	+3	0.47	1	7.68	-0.88	22	730	+93	1368
	Mechanicsville	86	52	70	+1	0.54	2	9.95	+1.12	22	763	+5	1419
	Millers_4NE	82	50	67	-1	0.63	2	11.57	+2.81	32	634	+46	1272
	Ocean_City_AP	83	42	67	-4	1.07	1	7.30	-0.50	19	666	-131	1318
	Oxon_Hill	88	52	71	+2	0.61	2	12.40	+4.12	24	829	+56	1495
	Patuxent_River	87	50	70	-1	0.65	1	10.47	+1.99	22	816	+20	1481
	Reisterstown	83	51	67	-3	0.83	2	13.09	+4.18	29	621	-67	1264
	Salisbury_AP	91	44	70	+2	0.78	1	6.08	-2.16	18	930	+214	1601
	Savage_River_Da	78	47	64	+1	0.66	2	6.99	-1.62	20	447	+58	1027
	Sharpsburg_5S	84	49	67	+2	0.59	1	11.91	+3.45	24	583	+31	1198
	Sines_Deep_Cree	80	42	62	0	0.75	3	9.63	-0.49	30	363	-1	907
	Stevensville	87	59	71	+2	0.37	3	10.31	+1.54	28	793	+78	1458
	Washington_DC_A	90	58	74	+3	0.43	2	11.86	+4.38	22	1020	+167	1703
Delaware	Dover_AFB	89	50	70	0	0.18	1	6.13	-2.68	20	758	-4	1409
	Georgetown_AP	89	46	70	+2	0.40	2	7.05	-1.26	20	836	+198	1498
	Wilmington_DE	88	54	70	+2	0.60	1	10.53	+2.02	22	747	+104	1407

 $Summary\ based\ on\ NWS\ data.\ DFN = Departure\ From\ Normal.$ Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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#### REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

Sussex County, DE – Harry Hudson
Starting to get dry last week - irrigation being run on corn. Peas are coming off now. Corn planting pretty much done - except for DC corn. Soybeans are being planted. Most first plantings of fruit/veggies are in by now. Tree fruit crops damaged by winter - less fruit this year. Barley cutting may start this week.

Harford County, MD - Patricia Hoopes Most spring application of manure is completed and most corn has been planted. Most have harvested the 1st cutting of hay. Soybean planting has begun. Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD - Charles Schuster .8 inches of rain fell during this reporting period. Strawberry harvest has been strong, with weather being very good to keep berries in good condition on the vine. Forage harvest is going well, with weather providing enough of a window of good weather to get most harvested without moisture damage. Corn is growing, but could use some additional Growing Degree Days, as temperatures have been cool overall. Tree fruit are doing well. Vegetables are strong at this point, having adequate moisture without much irrigation.

Washington County, MD – Jeff Selmer Barley is maturing well with some lodged but should be harvestable. Wheat is looking good. Moisture and heat units have been good. Hoping the summer continues the same way.

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